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In re Patent Application of

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF DIAGNOSTIC MARKERS FOR COMMUNICABLE

SUBACUTE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES

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October 22, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 23, 2008, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution.

The applicants further elect SEQ ID NO:1 as a species for initial examination.

Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

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Response

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